



EMERGING ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE

November 12, 2009
1:30 p.m.
Executive Tower
1700 West Washington Street
4th Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Emerging Issues Subcommittee (EI) was convened on November 12, 2009 at the Executive Tower, 1700 West Washington Street, 4th Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Emerging Issues Subcommittee:

Members Present (8)	
David Choate, Chair, Arizona State University	
Meena Shahi, First Things First	
Michelle Anderson, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections	
Jody Sekerak, Indian Health Service	
Nitika Singh, Arizona Department of Health Services—via conference call	
David Redpath, Arizona Supreme Court	
Richard Porter, Arizona Department of Health Services	
Christina Cutshaw, University of Arizona	
Staff/Guests Present (3)	Members Absent (8)
Jeanne Blackburn, GOCYF, DSAP	Dennis Embry, Paxis Institute
Karen Bulkeley, DES, DCYF	John Morris, Yavapai County Adult Probation
Michelle Neitch, ACJC	Phillip Stevenson, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
	Wendy Wolfersteig, Arizona State University
	Judith Fritsch, Department of Economic Security
	Wanda LeClere MacDonald, Navajo Nation
	Officer Bobbie Moreland, Phoenix Police Department
	Alida Montiel, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona



A. **Call to Order**

Chair David Choate called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. with eight (8) members, one (1) staff and two (2) guests present.

B. **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair David Choate asked each member to introduce him/herself.

C. **Review of Packet and Agenda**

Chair David Choate reviewed the packet and agenda with the members.

D. **Approval of Minutes**

Chair David Choate requested a review of the August 13, 2009 meeting minutes.

- Due to lack of quorum, approval of the meeting minutes was tabled until December's meeting.

E. **Announcements**

- **Chair David Choate** notified the group of membership changes:
 - Due to changes in her work assignments, Judith Fritsch will be unable to continue serving on this committee. Pending confirmation by ASAP at its 11/17 meeting, Karen Bulkeley will be the new Emerging Issues Subcommittee member from the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DCYF).
 - In addition, Michelle Neitch will be taking Phillip Stevenson's place as a member of this group pending ASAP approval.
- **Meena Shahi** reminded members that First Things First (FTF) lists its grant opportunities on its website: <http://www.azfff.gov>.

F. **Open Meeting Law Clarifications/New Meeting Format**

- **Jeanne Blackburn, Staff** informed the group that:
 - The Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families (GOCYF) met with a representative from the Attorney General's Office regarding Open Meeting Law and learned that no proxies are allowed.
 - All documents from the GOCYF and its boards and commission will become more standardized in terms of layout, etc. and all meetings will be more formal in terms of Robert's Rules of Order, motions, etc. and they will have a formal Call to the Public as well as a Review of Packet Materials and Future Agenda Items will be a line item on the agendas.

G. **Epi Update**

- **Jeanne Blackburn, Staff** updated the group members on the work of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:
 - The 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* is in the process of being completed. It will be available in print and website format (which will allow public members and policy makers to access and utilize the data in an interactive fashion to create tables, graphs and maps of substance abuse prevalence and its associated consequences).



- The Community Data Project of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) will be officially called the Drug Data Clearinghouse and will serve as a central repository for federal, state, and local data/information on drugs, substance use and abuse, and related activity; will provide state and local drug prevention practitioners and policymakers with easy access to the most recent and relevant drug data to inform their work; facilitate sharing of substance abuse prevalence and consequence data across agencies, entities, and jurisdictions; facilitate National Outcome Measure (NOM) reporting for Arizona agencies receiving federal grant funds; facilitate the use of local and standardized process and impact performance measures for substance abuse prevention programs; and identify tools to assist local drug prevention efforts to enhance the effectiveness of their work.
- The Epi Work Group's suggestions regarding the addition of adult substance abuse prevalence questions to the Arizona Health Survey of the Saint Luke's Health Initiative are being incorporated into the 2010 survey. These questions will expand upon the survey's questions regarding alcohol abuse to measure illicit and prescription drug abuse.
- The Epi Work Group will complete the 2009 *Snapshot* report after the publication of the 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* in order to use its key findings in the report.

H. Life Path Project

- **Jeanne Blackburn, Staff** updated the members on the status of the Life Path Project:
 - The Life Path Project has been reviewed by Governor's Office staff and their input and that of the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections has been incorporated.
 - Due to new cost estimate research on the savings associated with "saving" a high-risk youth, submitted to the Governor's Office by **Michelle Anderson**, the report will be updated and submitted to the Emerging Issues Subcommittee for approval at its next meeting.

I. School Resource Officer Survey

- **Chair David Choate** informed the group of the status of the survey data and inquired about questions to be included in the official report on the findings.
 - The group members indicated that they would like to see the data in order to assess emerging trends, including the perception of the substance abuse problem on school campuses and the potential worsening of the issue.
 - **Chair David Choate** will submit the data to the group members before the next meeting and members will vote on which questions to include in the report at that time.

J. Future Agenda Items

- **Chair David Choate** reminded the group that "Future Agenda Items" will be a standing agenda item for members of the group and the public to suggest items to be placed on future agendas.

K. Call to Public

Chair David Choate made a call to public.

- There were no public comments.



L. Adjournment

- **Richard Porter** moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and **Meena Shahi** seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with eight (8) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

Dated the 16th day of November 2009

Emerging Issues Subcommittee

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jeanne Blackburn

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